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SUBJECT: SITUATION AT AFGHANISTAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

1. AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SUNDAY, APRIL 30 AFGHAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS STILL HAD NO FIRM CONTACT WITH MFA OF NEW GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADOR KARIM HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AFGHAN EMBASSIES IN PARIS, TEHRAN, LONDON, AND ELSEWHERE AND REPORTS THAT THEY TOO HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM MFA.

2. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, MORALE AMONG AFGHAN EMBASSY OFFICERS IS VERY LOW. THEY SEE THEIR CAREERS SHATTERED PERHAPS SOME OF THEIR PROPERTY HAS BEEN CONFISCATED, AND PERHAPS SOME OF THEIR FAMILIES ARE IN JEOPARDY. THIRD SECRETARY YUNIS FARMAN IS PARTICULARLY WORRIED BECAUSE HIS FATHER WAS IN CHARGE OF DAOUD'S PERSONAL SECURITY AND PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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BABLY WAS SHOT. TWO OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS MALIKYAR AND SULAIMAN ARE BOTH MOHAMMEDZAI'S AND MAY NOT WISH TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN. INDEED WE MAY RECEIVE SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM OFFICERS IN THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THEIR MISSION IN NEW YORK.

3. ON THE FIRST DAY OF COUP EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RE-

CEIVED TWO TELEPHONE THREATS FROM AFGHAN "LEFTISTS" AND AS

A RESULT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH FULL-TIME SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION OUTSIDE OF EMBASSY. AFGHAN MISSION IN NEW YORK ALSO RECEIVED TELEPHONE THREAT AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED PROTECTION BY NEW YORK POLICE.

4. DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING FAROUGH IS STILL IN WASHINGTON AND ON FRIDAY 4/28 SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH WORLD BANK TO PROVIDE POTABLE WATER SYSTEM FOR KABUL. BOTH FAROUGH AND WORLD BANK RECOGNIZE VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT IS OPEN TO QUESTION. FAROUGH IS PLANNING TO STAY IN WASHINGTON UNTIL SITUATION IN KABUL BECOMES CLEARER. CHRISTOPHER

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